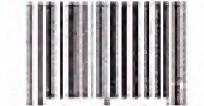
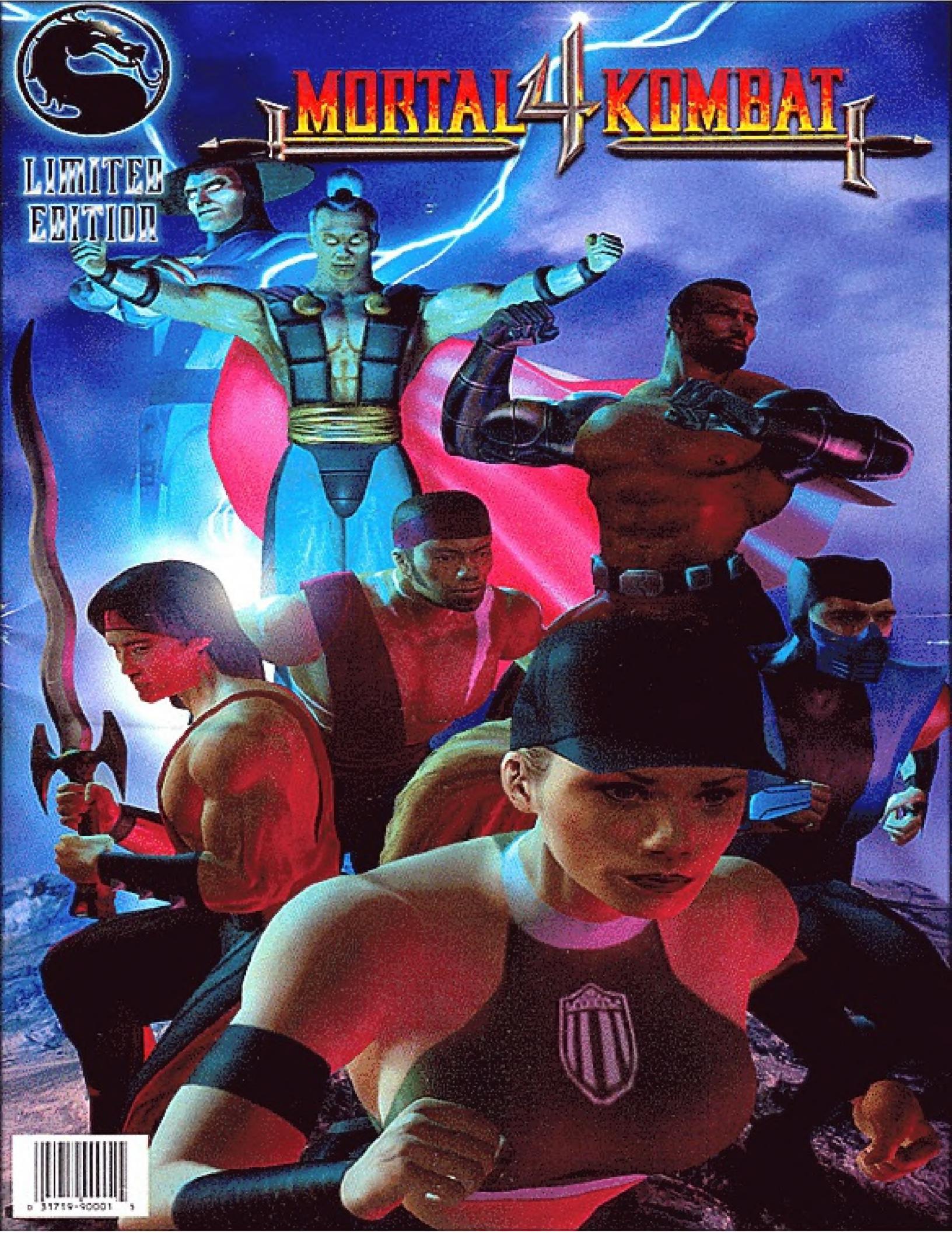




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MORTAL KOMBAT



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FOR CENTURIES, THE REALM OF EDENIA WAS SHROUDED IN DARKNESS, RULED BY THE VICIOUS EMPEROR SHAO KAHN. UNDER KAHN'S RULE, EDENIA BECAME KNOWN AS OUTWORLD, AND WAS HOST TO A TOURNAMENT CALLED MORTAL KOMBAT.

KAHN USED HIS MAGIC TO ENTRANCE THE REALM'S TRUE RULER, QUEEN SINDEL, AND FORCED HER TO GO ALONG WITH HIS EVIL PLANS. DURING THE LAST MORTAL KOMBAT TOURNAMENT, SINDEL REGAINED HER MEMORY AND ASSISTED IN THE DEFEAT OF SHAO KAHN, THEREBY FREEING EDENIA FROM HIS EVIL RULE.

ALONG WITH HER DAUGHTER, PRINCESS KITANA, QUEEN SINDEL WORKS TO REBUILD THE REALM OF EDENIA AND BRING TO JUSTICE THOSE WHO BETRAYED HER.



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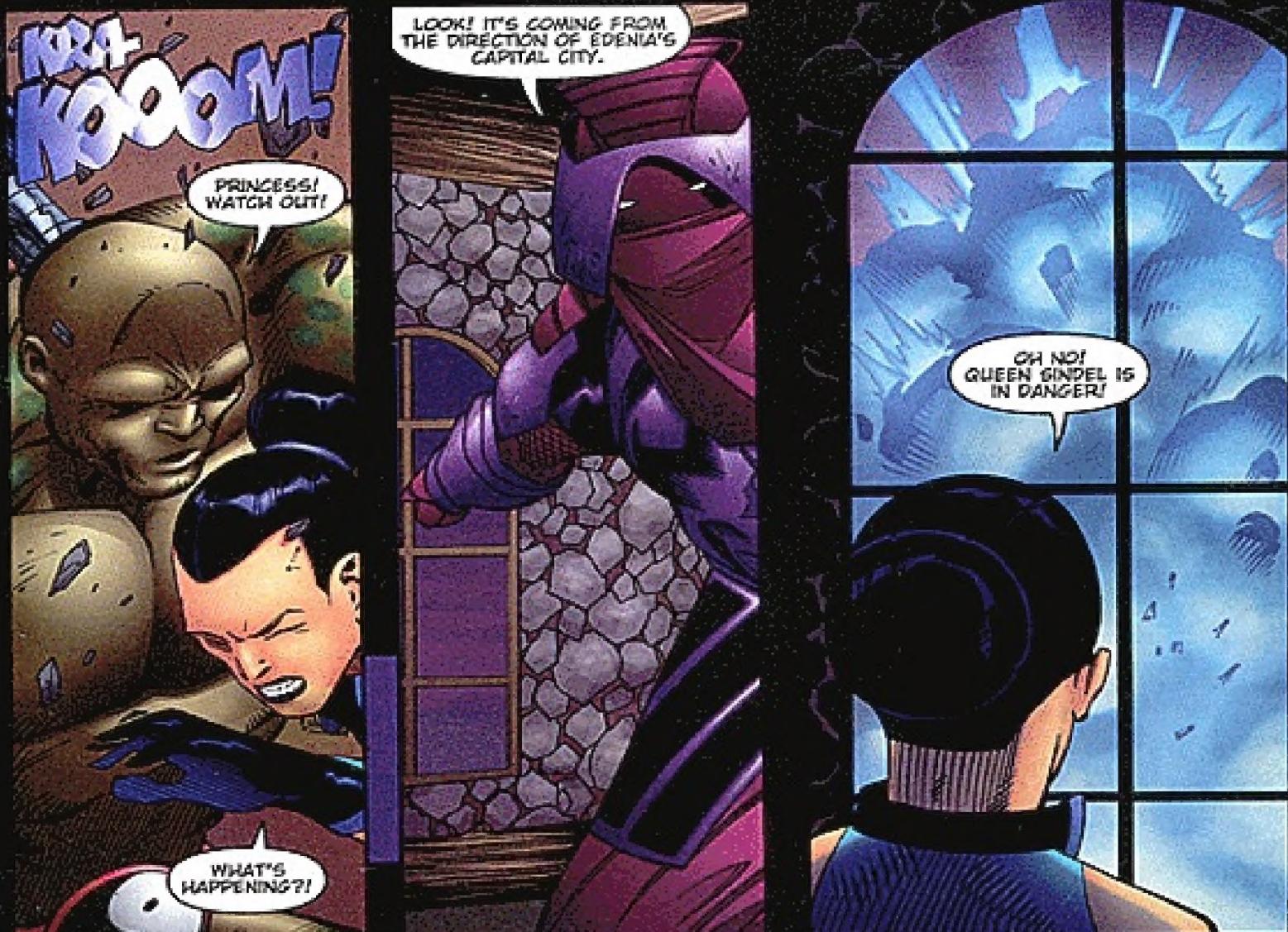
500 MILES TO THE SOUTH, IN THE CITY OF KUATAN, PRINCESS KITANA ATTENDS A SUMMIT BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE SHOKAN AND CENTAURIANS. THE TWO RACES ARE STILL AT WAR, AND PRINCESS KITANA IS TRYING TO BRING THEM TO PEACE.



UNBEKNOWNST TO THE PARTICIPANTS
BELOW, A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE WATCHES
THE MEETING FROM A HIDING SPACE IN
THE RAFTERS.







BACK IN QUEEN SINDEL'S CASTLE, THE ORB SHE WAS GIVEN HAS BEGUN TO TRANSFORM.

THE ORB HAS OPENED A PORTAL THAT ALLOWS SHINNOCK TO ENTER EDENIA.

AT LAST, I'VE MADE IT TO THE REALM OF EDENIA.

SINDEL'S IMPERIAL GUARDS ARE NO MATCH FOR THE DEMONIC ONSLAUGHT.

ALONG WITH HUNDREDS OF DEMONS, REIKO AND SCORPION.

WELCOME TO EDENIA, SHINNOCK. ONCE QUEEN SINDEL ACCEPTED THE ORB, YOUR PRESENCE WAS GUARANTEED. FOR THAT, WE HAVE TANYA TO THANK.

ENOUGH QUAN CHI! EDENIA IS JUST MY PASSAGEWAY OUT OF THE NETHERREALM.

ARRGH!



MY GOAL HAS
ALWAYS BEEN TO REACH
INTO THE HEAVENS AND
CONFRONT THE
ELDER GODS.

NOW
I HAVE MY
CHANCE.

SEVERAL DAYS LATER ON EARTH, SUB-ZERO RETURNS TO CHINA TO THE ANCIENT TEMPLE OF THE ELEMENTS. THE TEMPLE'S LOCATION IS SECRET, BUT SUB-ZERO LEARNED HOW TO FIND IT FROM HIS OLDER BROTHER, THE ORIGINAL SUB-ZERO.



WHAT IS THE TEMPLE OF THE ELEMENTS?

THE TEMPLE OF THE ELEMENTS EXISTS TO PROTECT SHINNOCK'S SACRED AMULET, THE AMULET THAT KEEPS HIM TRAPPED IN THE NETHERREALM.

IT'S PROTECTED BY THE FOUR ELEMENTS--WIND, EARTH, WATER, AND FIRE. AS LONG AS THE AMULET REMAINS ON EARTH, SHINNOCK CANNOT ESCAPE THE NETHERREALM.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED HERE, BROTHER? I CAME HERE TO MAKE PEACE WITH THE GODS OF THE ELEMENTS THAT YOU FOUGHT, BUT THEY'RE ALL GONE. THE TEMPLE IS UNGUARDED.

WHAT IS THAT? MAYBE IT'S A SIGN. I'D BETTER CHECK IT OUT.





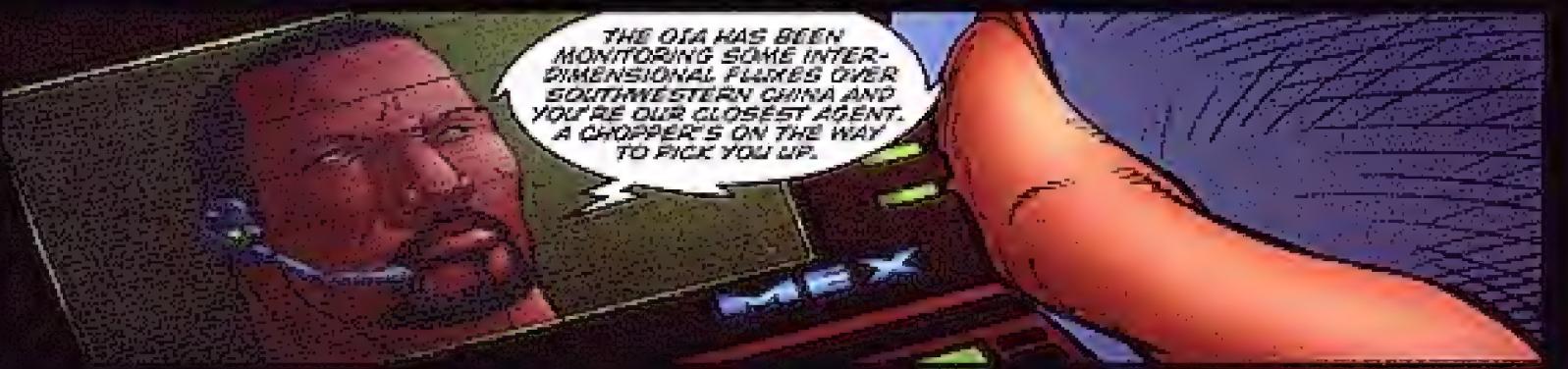


IN SHANGHAI, SONYA BLADE HAS TRACKED DOWN JAREK, THE LAST MEMBER OF THE BLACK DRAGON. SHE NO LONGER WORKS FOR U.S. SPECIAL FORCES BUT SONYA VOWED TO CAPTURE EVERY MEMBER OF THE BLACK DRAGON.



TOO BAD THE FIGHT ISN'T GOING HER WAY...





BACK AT THE CRATER,
LIU AND KAI HAVE
THEIR HANDS FULL.

GET AWAY
FROM HIM!

WHAM!

LIU,
WATCH OUT!

THANKS KAI! I DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE BUT
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT
OURSELVES A FIGHT.

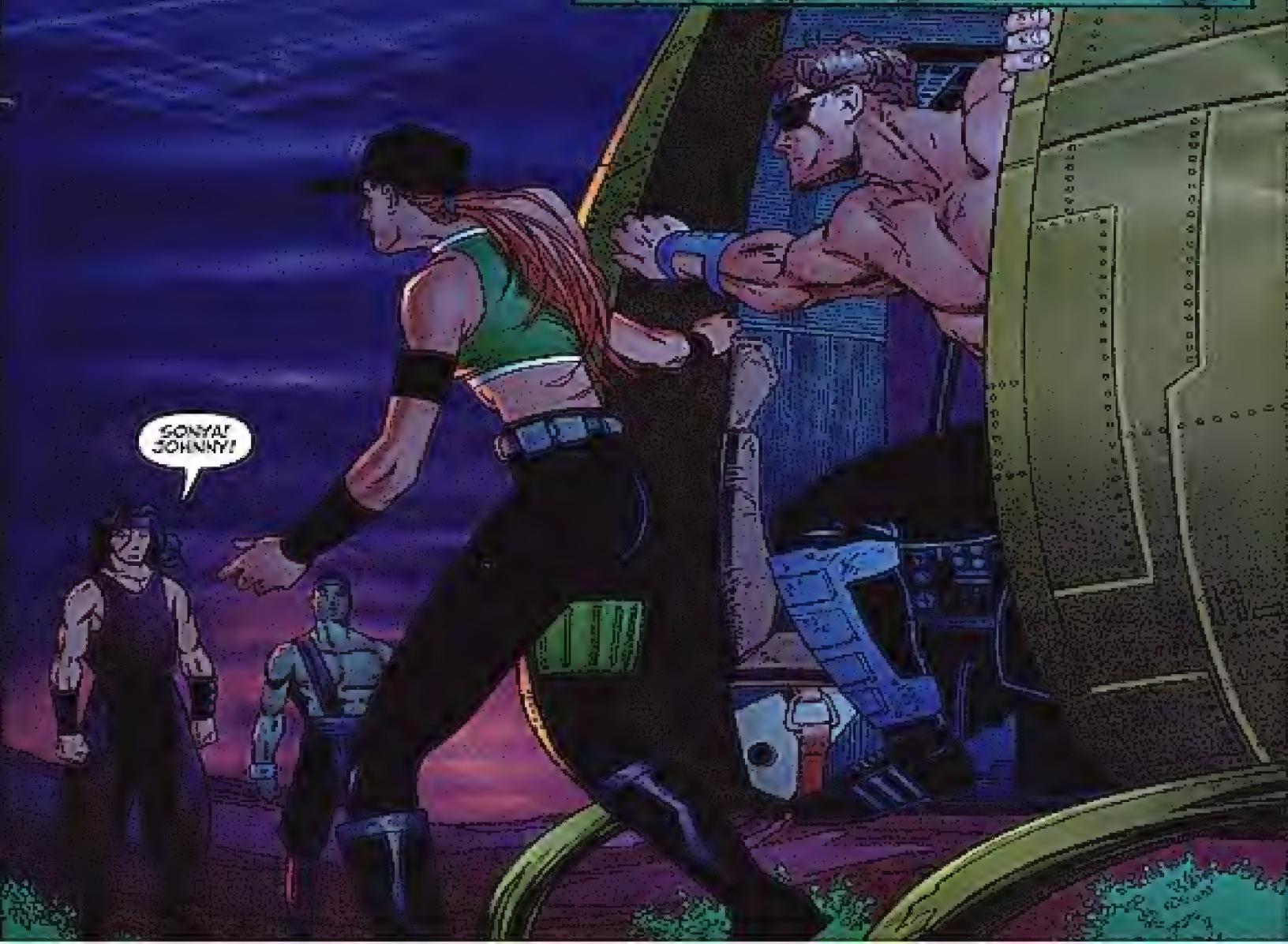
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KAI, THESE ARE MY FRIENDS SONYA BLADE AND JOHNNY CAGE.

HOW DID YOU ARRANGE TO FLY A U.S. SPECIAL FORCES HELICOPTER INTO CHINESE AIRSPACE?

I'M NOT WITH SPECIAL FORCES ANYMORE. I JOINED OUTWORLD INVESTIGATION AGENCY, AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT WAS FORMED AFTER SHAO KAHN ALMOST DESTROYED EARTH.



MY TEAM SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE US WITH INFORMATION. WHAT DID YOU SEE, LIU?



OH NOT MUCH. JUST THE GOD OF WIND AND A HALF-DOZEN DEMONS CRASHING INTO THE EARTH. CAN'T YOU FIGURE THAT OUT WITH YOUR FANCY GADGETS?

GOOD. BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RETURN TO EDENIA.

HOLD ON A SECOND. I DIDN'T SIGN ON FOR ANYTHING LIKE THIS. I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO LA-LA LAND.

WELL, PARTLY. I WAS TOLD A PORTAL OPENED IN THE SKY ABOUT TWO MILES UP BUT AFTER OUR EXPERIENCE IN OUTWORLD, I'D BELIEVE ANYTHING YOU SAY.

THIS ISN'T A JOKE, JOHNNY. THE ELDER GODS ARE UNDER ATTACK BY THE RULER OF THE NETHEREALM-- SHINNOK. RAYDEN SAID WE WOULD ALL BE NEEDED.

SUB-ZERO!

LILI'S RIGHT,
SHINNOK IS EVIL INCARNATE.
I THINK MY BROTHER, THE
ORIGINAL SUB-ZERO, HAD SOME
SORT OF AN ENCOUNTER WITH
SHINNOK. IT MAY BE WHAT
CAUSED THIS WHOLE THING.

IT'S UP TO US
TO PUT AN END
TO THIS.

I'M IN!

OH, ALL RIGHT.
IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS
GOING TO WIN AN OSCAR
OR SOMETHING.

LET'S DO IT!
NOW WE'VE JUST
GOT TO FIGURE OUT
HOW TO GET TO
EDENIA.

I CAN HELP
OUT THERE. MY TEAM
CAN CREATE A PORTAL
THAT WILL ALLOW US
TO REACH EDENIA.



WE'VE BEEN ABLE
TO EMULATE INTER-DIMENSIONAL
PORTAL DISTORTIONS, KIND OF LIKE
RAYDEN DOES. THE ONLY PROBLEM
IS THAT OURS REQUIRES A
NUCLEAR GENERATOR.





WELCOME
HUMANS! WELCOME
TO A MORTAL KOMBAT
LIKE YOU'VE NEVER
SEEN BEFORE.

TO BE CONTINUED IN
MORTAL KOMBAT 4...